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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	:	Benjamin C. Huter et al.	
Filed	:	June 20, 2003	
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Examiner	:	Truong, Kevin T.	
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Customer No.	:	24201	November 22, 2005

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following Response is made to the final Office Action of September 22, 2005, the response to which is due December 22, 2005.

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